

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Miikka HUOMO	Confirmation No.: 3516
Application No.: 10/568,296	Examiner: Yoo, Jasson H.
Filed: February 14, 2006	Group Art Unit: 3714

For: DEVICE AND SYSTEM FOR PLAYING A GAME AND A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING A GAME

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 30, 2009, Group I, claims 1-10, is hereby elected, without prejudice to any divisional application that may be filed to cover the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding restriction requirement for the following reason.

MPEP §803 states the following:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

The claims of the present application would appear to be part of an overlapping search area. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully traverses the outstanding Restriction Requirements on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a serious burden on the Examiner.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the requirement to elect a single group be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of each of claims 1-19 be conducted.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 504213 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully Submitted,

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